## **DENALI COMMISSION**



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## RESOLUTION NO. 04 – 05 RURAL TEACHER HOUSING PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, Congress recognizes there is a housing shortage for rural school teachers and has directed that the Denali Commission begin to address this shortage, and

**WHEREAS**, adequate teacher housing is critical to the recruitment and retention of quality teachers in rural Alaska, and

WHEREAS, there is no statewide prioritization for teacher housing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) is committed to provide information and assist in the development of criteria in conjunction with rural school districts for prioritizing teacher housing needs,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission allocate up to \$5,000,000 toward a \$10,000,000 or greater teacher housing program:

- 1. Teacher housing needs will be identified using information and criteria developed by the DEED in conjunction with rural school districts.
- 2. Funding will be provided as a grant/loan combination with the grant coming at least in part from the Commission and the loans from a variety of organizations including AHFC, HUD, and USDA-RD.
- 3. All projects will be required to meet Commission Guiding Principles and Policies.
- 4. Any base funds not allocated to specific Teacher Housing Projects by August 1, 2004 will be reallocated to either Health Care or Energy Projects.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternates), of whom seven, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2004, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2004

Signed:

Federal Co-Chair

Loren Leman State Co-Chair